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Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Mabel Halsell composed the following poem reflecting her feelings about Christmas. I hope you enjoy it as much I did. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

"Christmas"

By MRS. MABEL HALSELL

Christmas is near;
It is almost here.
To be awake is to know
Some great event is near, just so.

Trees in the windows;
Lights everywhere
People, with a desire to share,
A spirit of giving,
of loving and doing,
Some kind deed;
Because they care.

A special glow in the Eastern sky
A moon so big, makes one wonder
Why God is so good
And what Christmas means.
People with lives filled with care
Show by their faces
Expectancy is in the air.

So it was so long ago
Many waited, only to know
When the great event of the coming King
Would make the world better
And cause them to sing
Hosanna! Hosanna!

At time appointed, the Great King came
A Babe in a manger, a few did sing,
The Shepherds, the Wise men,
Mary, the Mother and others who knew God
There could be no other!

In all of the glamour, and the worldly care
Let all of us remember---
Who, Why and Where.

Community-wide Easter Pageant Plans Underway Meeting To Be Held December 17

Plans are underway for a community-wide Easter Pageant. There will be a fellowship next Thursday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. It is open to anyone desiring to be a part of the full scale musical production. Music for "Jesus, the Resurrection" will be passed out at the fellowship. Jason Kempf, the Minister of Music at First Baptist, has volunteered to direct the community-wide Easter Pageant.

Social Security Administration Schedule

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be in Eastland at the Senior Citizens Center on Tuesdays, January 26, February 23 and March 23 at 9:30 a.m. for your convenience. You can call Social Security toll-free any weekday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

Parent Day Out Offered by First Baptist Church

Parent Day Out is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, at First Baptist Church. Children age 3 to 12 will be accepted.

The 1st session will be from 8 a.m. until noon and 2nd session noon till 4 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per child per session with a \$10 max per family per session.

Snacks will be provided during each session. Bring a sack-lunch if your child will be staying for both sessions.

Bring your children by while you finish your Christmas shopping, decorating, etc.

The proceeds will be used to finance the First Baptist Youth ski trip.

FUMC Christmas Cantata Sunday

The choir at First United Methodist Church will present their Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 20 during the morning worship service beginning at 10:45.

The musical "One Holy Night" is narrated by Anna (pronounced AH-nuh). Historians tell us that she was the Mother of Mary, thus becoming the grandmother of Jesus.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Census 2000 Needs Employees

There will be census jobs available in your area for the United State Census 2000. You will be able to earn extra money by being a census taker or crew leader.

Competitive hourly wages include \$8.00 per hour plus 32 cents per mile for field jobs. Most jobs are in the field, checking addresses and conducting interviews with residents. The ability to speak a foreign language is a plus in some areas.

You must be 18 years or older. Persons 16 or 17 may qualify if they have a high school diploma or equivalency and meet state employment conditions.

You must take a written test of basic skills.

You agree not to engage in any partisan political activity within 24 hours of performing work.

For males age 18 or older, born after December 31, 1959, you must be registered with selective service.

Even though preference is given to U.S. citizens, qualified non-citizens may be considered if enough qualified citizens are not available.

The test will be given on **Thursday, December 17, at 1 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center and every Thursday throughout January at 1 p.m. in the same location.**

For additional information you may call toll-free 1-888-325-7733.

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RICHARD CHAFFIN, RIGHT, ACCEPTING PLAQUE FROM JOE HOWSER, PRESIDENT OF PROJECT PRIDE—The Richard Chaffin home on North Highway 206 was recipient of the first place award in the Christmas 1998 home decorating contest. \$25.00 in buffalo bucks will be awarded by Project Pride.

Second place went to Lois Garrett's home on 12th St. and third place to the W.G. McCoys on County Road 409. Receiving honorable mention were the homes of Dean Dillard, McGoughs on Ave. B, Wilburn Weiss, Fred Dill and Jimmy Kelly.

The judges stated that it was a very difficult decision to make as all homes viewed were outstanding.



FIRST PLACE BUSINESS—Bettie Cavanaugh, left, and Connie Davis, owners and operators of The Secret Garden, 124 E. 7th St., are pictured accepting the gingerbread man plaque designating their business best decorated for Christmas 1998. Joe Howser, far right, is making the presentation. The Secret Garden will receive \$25.00 in buffalo bucks provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

Second place honors went to Julene Franke's Cross Plains Business Service, third place to Citizens State Bank and The Movie Store received honorable mention. All businesses are to be commended for making Cross Plains very attractive for this year's holiday season.

Lady Buffs Bounce Back To Win Millsap Tourney

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

We defeated 2A Brock in the finals by a score of 46 to 43. In the semi-finals we beat 2A Jacksboro by a score of 45 to 36. We suffered our only loss of the tournament in the opening round to Brock in overtime by a score of 42 to 46.

The tournament had a different format in which the 2 best teams from round one could play each other again in the finals if both teams continued to win after round one. This was a highly competitive tournament bracket with all teams having a winning record except the home team.

We are starting to play a higher level of ball as we grow comfortable with the competition level we are facing. Brock was 12-0 and ranked #9 in 2A before we stopped their undefeated streak and Jacksboro who recently dropped from 3A has already played in the finals of Ponders big tournament. Greyford defeated Boyd by 1 and Brock defeated Greyford by 1 to return to the finals.

Our defense and rebounding continue to be our strengths. The offense is starting to create some quality shots and our shooting percentages are going up because of our selection.

A scoring summary for the tournament: L. Ricci 42, W. Giles 28, M. Mitchell 30, J. Fleming 20, J. Turner 3, A. Beggs 4, B. Richey 4, L. McCarty 2, also contributing to the effort was A. Dillard, L. Wyatt and B. Hutton.

On Tuesday, the Roby Lady Lions came to town for a 6:30 game start. We had a sluggish start and had several opportunities to put the game away early. We came out in the second half and took care of business defeating the Lady Lions by a score of 59 to 26.

Scoring points were L. Ricci 14, W. Giles 13, J. Turner 12, M. Mitchell 9, A. Dillard 9 and L. Wyatt 2.

This was one of the few zone defenses we've seen this year. We hit six 3 pointers and our perimeter shooting is beginning to look better.

Christmas Dinner/Health Clinic Thursday, December 17 at Senior Citizens Center -- Ya'll Come

By RON RICCI
Senior Citizens Site Mgr.

Merry Christmas from all the seniors at the center to everyone in Cross Plains and the surrounding area.

A special thank you for supporting us throughout 1998 in all our events, fund-raisers and even more important, the volunteers who deliver the meals to homebound residents. We could not do it without you! "Thanks a bunch!!!"

Our last event of the year is our Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 17. The menu is: sliced turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, English peas, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, bread and butter.

We had the same food on Thanksgiving and it was delicious,

and I know it will be the same for Christmas. Lunch will be from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Entertainment will be provided by Mr. Felty and some of his band students.

Donations of \$2.50 for under 60 and \$1.75 for over 60 will be accepted.

Sears Home Health will be giving free blood pressure checks, blood sugar screening and random cholesterol checks from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Everyone is invited and you don't have to be 60 to attend. Come visit, enjoy the music and celebrate Christmas with us. You won't be disappointed.

Remember Open House

at

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home

Thursday, December 17
3:00 p.m.

Come See Our Newly Remodeled Facility

Happy Holidays
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Thursday, December 24
We will re-open 9 a.m.
Monday, December 28

Have A Very Merry Christmas!

Retirement Celebration Planned for Callahan County Employees Dec. 28

County Treasurer Dora Hounshell and County Clerk Darlene Walker are retiring from public service. Dora has been employed with Callahan County for 48 years and Darlene 24 years.

They will be honored with a retirement celebration on Monday, December 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Callahan County Courthouse, Room 102, in Baird.

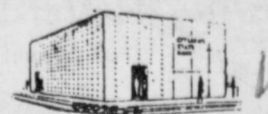
Everyone is invited to attend and wish them well.

Neal Drug Announces Holiday Closing

Neal Drug would like for their customers to be aware that the store will be closing at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, to be with their families.

They will re-open for business on Monday, December 28, at 9:00 a.m.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jason Wyatt Stewart, DWI.
Charged with theft of property by check: Jeffery F. Gordon, Travis Whitley, Crissy M. Roberson, Teresa Garcia, Renea L. Trent, Tarressa Hennington, Georgiana P. Whitley.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Matthew Paul Jones, deadly conduct, \$750 fine \$194.25 court costs, 1 year probation.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Hazel May Belyeu & Ray E. Dorrough of Baird.
Kimberly Ann Agnew, Cross Plains, Charles Seywayne Ford, Hawley.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

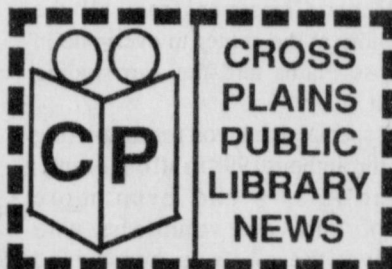
T. Garrett Electric vs Mal Enterprises d/b/a Lawrence Management & Jere M. Lawrence, individually, misapplication of construction trust funds.

Divorces filed:

Carter, Kimberly Lavon & James Richard.
Harrison, Herschel Ray & Leslie C., and in the interest of minor child.

Civil Minutes

People State Bank, Clyde, vs Elizabeth Ashley & Sarah E. Ruff in, \$10,805.97 judgment for plaintiff plus attorney fees & court costs.

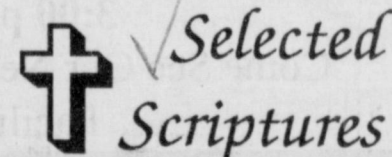


December 7-11

Visit the Cross Plains Public Library for books about "Christmas around the World." You'll find customs in Russia, Washington, D.C., Switzerland, Brazil, The Holy Land, and a dozen other places. Old and young alike will find these books to be of interest.

Statistics

Cross Plains Books: 43
Abilene Books: 17
Audio Cassettes: 12
LAP: 124
Total: 196
Reminder: The Library will be closed December 24, December 31 and January 1. LAP will not meet again until January 6.



You are my portion, O LORD, I have said that I would keep your words.
Psalms 119:57
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

OBITUARIES

Dr. Moreland Baldwin

Memorial services for Dr. Curtis M. Baldwin, 80, are pending.

Dr. Baldwin passed away Tuesday, December 8, 1998, in Methodist Hospital Lubbock.

He was born February 9, 1918, in Cross Plains where he lived and attended schools. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental Branch.

He served two tours with the U.S. Army in World War II and also a tour later. He began practicing dentistry in Plainview in the 1940s and retired in 1986. He received an award for 50 years in dentistry.

He was a Shriner, a member of the Scottish Rite and First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and as choir director.

He became a member of the Old Masters of Swing in 1959, a group of musicians founded in 1956 by Dr. Gale Seigler, Dr. Clovis Clough and Arch Keys. Jack Fuller joined the band in 1982 and they were well known throughout the region.

Dr. Baldwin was a former president of South Plains District Dental Society and had been named Dentist of the Year.

In January of 1946, he married Martha McKnight in Memphis, Tennessee.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Curt Baldwin of Austin; a daughter, Janis Baldwin of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Roland Howell of Dallas; and a grandson, Reed.

M.E. (Mick) Balkum

Melvin E. (Mick) Balkum, 69, of Duncanville, was born in Merita, to W.A. and Fannie Balkum on September 8, 1929. He went to be with the Lord on December 4, 1998, in Methodist Hospital, Dallas after a long battle with cancer.

Memorial service was held in Laurel Land Funeral Home on Sunday, December 6. A service was also held in Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo on December 7, 1998. Rev. J.B. Bitner, pastor of Big Lake First Baptist Church delivered the message. His grandson, Jason

Balkum, read a poem that he composed the last day of his Pa Pa's life. Interment was in Lawn Haven Cemetery in San Angelo.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 48 years, Anna Balkum of Duncanville; one daughter, Peggy Brandon of Duncanville; one son, Larry Balkum of Arlington; one sister, Darnella Gray of San Angelo; two brothers, Sam Balkum of Lockhart and J.H. Balkum of Cross Plains; six grandchildren and one great-grandson. He will be missed by all who loved him.

*Why should a person have to go through such pain,
When down the long road there is nothing to gain.
The hurt down inside, it just gets too tough.
And the road up ahead is all ragged and rough.
A person of such joy shouldn't go through all this.*

*All he deserves is a hug, and a kiss.
And the love of his family, and his friends, and of God.
And the happiness of holidays, the food, and the mobs
Of loved ones around, and the warmth of the heart.*

*This feeling lasts longer and it sets pain apart.
And it makes the soul so much stronger and fills
The heart with love, and power, and will.*

*Well I know a person who had it all
And he went through pain, but he didn't fall
He kept on surviving, to the bitter end.*

*He was everyone's favorite, and everyone's friend.
He loved all his loved ones as much as he could.
And just being near him could make anyone feel good.*

*He was sweet, he was kind, a diamond in the rough.
And I know letting go will be very tough.
But I'll always remember until my very last day,
That all of the suffering, and all of the pain
Was done to survive, to be here for us.*

*I don't know about you, but I know I must
Do whatever I can to make him see,
How much he really means to me.*

Jason E. Balkum

Adam Anderson recently promoted

Marine Lance Cpl. Adam K. Anderson, son of Andy and Kathy A. Anderson of Cross Plains, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving at Public Affairs Parris Island, Parris Island, South Carolina.

Anderson was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

He is a 1997 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

Chris Key participated in project in Romania

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Key, son of Alan C. Key of Cross Plains, recently participated in a community relations project in Romania while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the destroyer USS Stump, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Taking a break from naval exercise in the Black Sea, crew members from Key's ship donated time to an orphanage in Constanta, Romania. The orphanage, Casa Speranta, is designed to provide care and medical attention to children affected with HIV. During the visit, sailors assembled toys, refurbished play-

ground equipment and painted a clubhouse. In addition, the children of Casa Speranta were entertained by a USS Stump Sailor dressed as "Two-Bits the Clown."

Destroyers, like Key's ship, have traditionally been the workhorses of the U.S. Navy, defending battle groups against threats from air, land, above and below the sea. Equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles, Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Sea Sparrow Missiles, USS Stump is capable of hitting enemy targets hundreds of miles away.

The 1992 graduate of Cross Plains High School joined the Navy in September 1993.

Fibromyalgia Support Group To Meet

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Allen and Brenda Weizer, 124 North Avenue D (across from the Post Office).

Sharing and caring has proved to be beneficial to those participating. If you have the disease (soft tissue arthritis) or know of someone who does, plan on attending.

For further information you may call (254) 725-7160.

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Cross Cut Cemetery Assoc. receives donation

Cross Cut Cemetery Association received a \$25 donation from Billie Parks in memory of Billie Chambers. The association appreciates all donations to help with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Want To Write Your Elected Officials?
Here are their addresses:
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George W. Bush, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.
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NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

We would like to invite everyone to come by today at 3:00 and visit with us and view all the remodeling that has been done. Refreshments will be served.

The residents will be having their Christmas Party Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to come. Bro. Wayne Lenz and choir members from First Baptist Church will be doing the program, the Garden Club will provide the refreshments for us. Do come and share the Christmas spirit with us.

Everyone is enjoying the beautiful poinsettias that our anonymous special friend sent to the residents. God bless you.

Appreciation to the Cross Plains Kindergarten, first grade and second grade children, teachers and Band Director Todd Felty for coming and singing Christmas Carols, to Frances Wolf for the donuts, to the McNutt family for the cake and basket of goodies, to Carol Savell for the popcorn, to the Glorify Baptist Church children for the cookies, to the boy Scouts for coming and singing carols, and to Betty and Harold Baxter for the can of popcorn.

Rev. Phillip Schaefer was here visiting everyone.

Kenneth Brooks from Pioneer and Ray Curry from Abilene and Linda Wilson visited with Blanche Brooks.

Roger and Michelle Rudloff from Arlington, Brenton, Lurene, Byron and Brenton McNutt, Charlou, April and Cheyenne Cowan, Sharene Deshmuth from Stephenville and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louise Richardson.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Inola Wilcoxon, Vera Belyeu (2), Alpha Wilson, Falba Shofner (2), Howet Wilson, Minnie Swann and Louise Richardson. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social. Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann, Falba Shofner, Inola Wilcoxon, Vera Belyeu, Louise Richardson and Howet Wilson. Bean Bag toss. Open House 3:00 p.m.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Resident's Christmas Party. Open to friends and family at 2:00 p.m.

The gifts of warm togetherness are love, peace and happiness.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Anything on a Toothpick"
The holidays are just over the horizon. Parties, get-togethers, dinners, family meals, people dropping in, house guests, receptions -- you name it. Then comes that age old question of what to serve. Drinks of course, either hot, iced or room temperature, but -- you also need some food to accompany your thirst quenchers.

Usually at parties, get-togethers, receptions etc. most prefer to serve finger foods. With finger foods you still are able to meander around, circulate, chat, visit, meet new people, etc. even table hop if you are so inclined.

On a budget? Peanuts and popcorn are always good as are pretzels, chips 'n dip, as well as just about "anything on a toothpick."

Almost any small food item can be adapted to a toothpick and still look and taste appetizing, interesting and be palatable. Miniature Italian or Swedish meatballs are always good, chicken livers broiled with bacon wrapped round, cut a broiled steak into cubes and serve on toothpicks with roasted new potato sections, or sliced mushrooms for toppings. Pickled okra is good, cheese cubes, green or ripe olives, pineapple chunks, maraschino cherries, mandarin oranges and a host of other selections. Miniature corn on the

cob, shrimp, fried cheese, jalapeno pickled pears and jillions of other delicious food items.

Have you tried shish-ka-bobs for a heartier walk around snack? Just push off the skewer onto your saucer and spear each section with a toothpick and enjoy. Broiled cherry tomatoes, meats, green, yellow and red bell peppers, cheese stuffed jalapeno peppers, etc.

Here's a new suggestion for you. Inside-out Sandwiches. Purchase either hard or soft breadsticks, your choice; however, I personally prefer the soft for this dish. On the outside of the breadstick apply mayonnaise, mustard or your favorite sandwich spread. Wrap ham, turkey or other lunch meat and a slice of cheese around the breadstick.

If desired wrap a leaf of your favorite lettuce around and fasten meat, cheese and lettuce by running a toothpick through them and into the soft breadstick. Top the toothpick with a green or rip olive, pickle slice, sweet gherkin, cherry tomato, cocktail onion or other condiment. PRESTO!--"Inside-out Sandwiches." Great for formal or informal parties and gatherings and to boot you can eat them inside or outside.

So have a great inside-out sandwich and tell your friends you read it in the Review--Bon' Appetite'

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

The Quilting Club had our annual Christmas Party at the home of Trish Hutton. She has a lovely home all decked out in Christmas decorations. She had her beautiful "Irish Chain" quilt on display. We exchanged gifts with everyone, enjoying the surprise they received. We enjoyed snacks and drinks. Each member brought their "specialty." Trish furnished the drinks. Everything was delicious. We really thank Trish for inviting us to her home. Everyone had a great time.

Laverne Hutton and Lottie Sooter braved the sleet and snow to go to Abilene Friday. They had doctor appointments. Since they were headed that way they took our rehab quilt to the rehab center.

Earlene Burge and Sandy Hutton went to Abilene to the rehab brunch and the displaying of the quilts to be

auctioned off in January. They had a wonderful time. The quilts were so beautiful - of course, the Pioneer "Tulip" was the most beautiful. Everyone be sure to watch the Auction when it comes in January.

Oliver and Frankie Smith and Jean Fore visited with Frankie's Aunt Ruby and Frankie's sister, Dorthy Rogers in Ranger. They had their usual good time. On Saturday evening, they attended the Mission Church program. They had singers from Fort Worth. They say the music was beautiful. After that, they enjoyed going around to see the Christmas lights in Cross Plains. There were a lot of pretty decorated places.

From our community to all the people of this area, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

First ☆ Med of Cross Plains

We will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25. We will re-open regular hours on Monday, Dec. 28.

We will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998 and will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1, 1999. We will re-open regular hours on Monday, Jan. 4, 1999.

Happy Holidays!!

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By JAMES NICHOLS

It seems that some people have that unique ability to do things that other people just think about.

When it comes to birthing calves, Ance Barr has a patent on this procedure.

It seems you run the cow back and forth from one end of the pasture to the other (at least two times and more, if desired). Then on the third or fourth try; rope the cow, if possible by a stock tank (if not, cow needs to be moved to one by any means possible).

Then you snub off the cow to a suitable tree (if possible, a large one). When the cow circles the tree for a second time be sure it knocks you into the tank. I think this part is to cool you off.

When the cow rounds the tree for the third time and falls down, make sure it is by the water.

Make sure that the calf puller is all snarled up (if not, you need to take extra time to prepare it that way).

You need to be at least waist deep in water when attaching the calf puller.

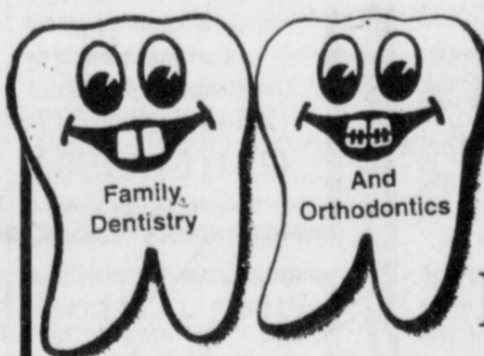
A long calf is preferred, so you can be at least half way across the tank when this procedure is complete.

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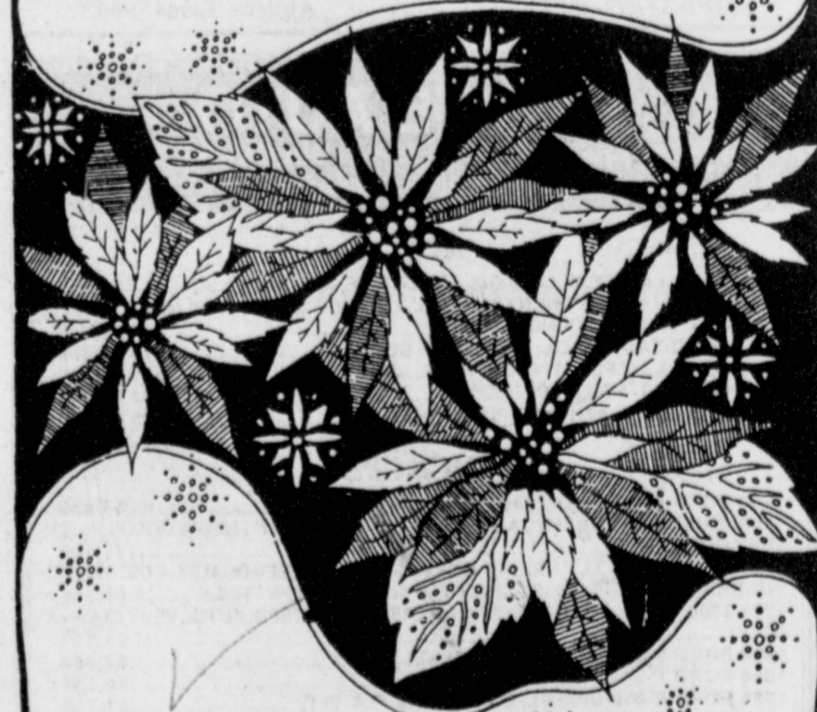
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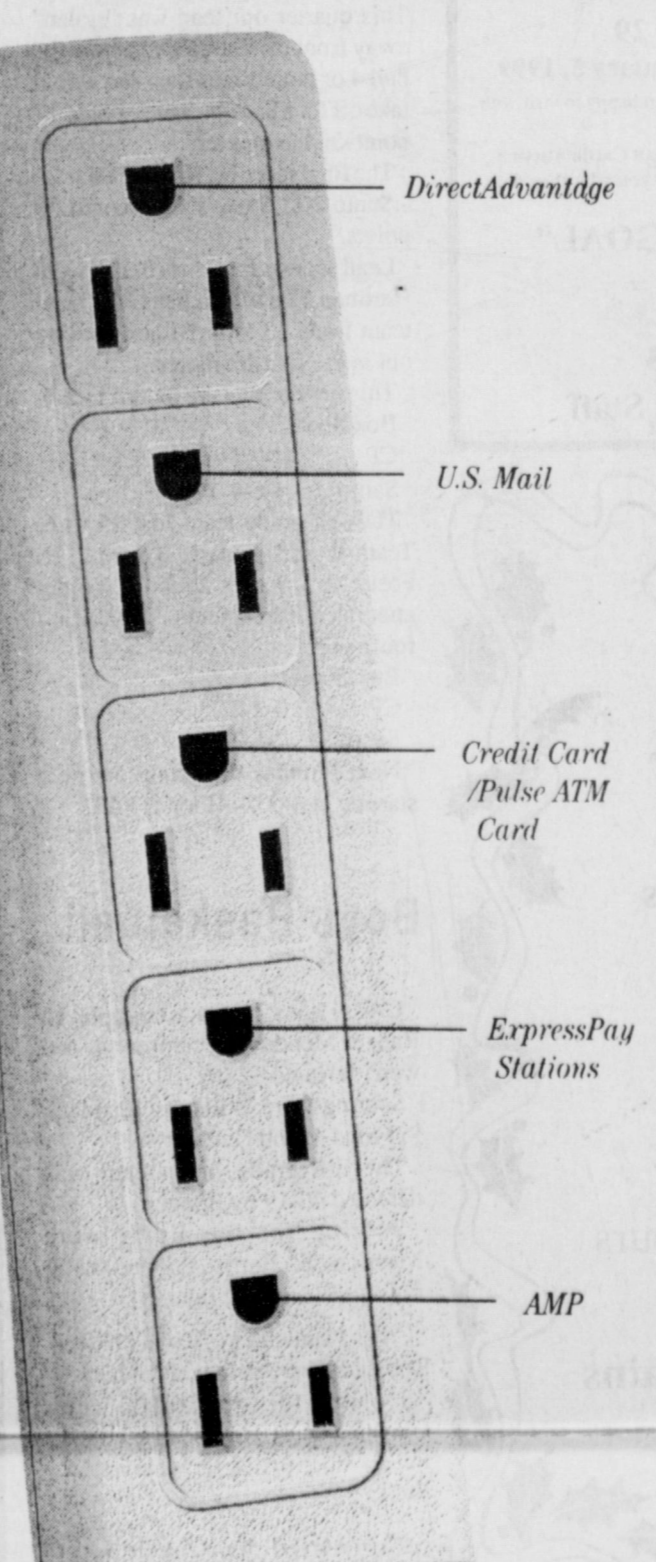
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Edwin Wilcoxon and bride of 50 years celebrate Golden Anniversary December 26

Edwin E. Wilcoxon and Nelda F. (Woody) Wilcoxon will celebrate 50 years of marriage on December 23, 1998. They were married in Cottonwood on December 23, 1948.

Mrs. Wilcoxon was born on March 6, 1926, in Cottonwood. Her parents were W.F. (Frank) and Emma Woody. Mr. Wilcoxon was born November 25, 1926, also in Cottonwood. His parents were Gilbert and Jesse Wilcoxon.

Edwin and Nelda attended high school together in Cross Plains and dated and married after his return from his military tour during World War II. They are members of the Church of Christ. They have farmed peanuts and been ranchers. Edwin has also been a boilermaker and a welder for power plants and shipyards. In 1963, they moved to Lubbock where Edwin attended the Sunset School of Preaching. Edwin has preached for various congregations over the years as well as preached over the radio. Edwin is also well known in the Cottonwood

and Cross Plains area for his abilities as a singer and guitar player of old-time musicals. Since retiring from preaching, Edwin has been a prolific writer of religious articles. Nelda is a housewife and also worked for the Cross Plains school system for some time. Nelda is currently a foster grandparent for the Abilene State School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcoxon have three children, Thaila Robertson, and husband, James, of Abilene; Rhonda Crawford and husband, Don, of Liberty Hill; and Marvin Wilcoxon of Cisco. They have two grandchildren, David Fritz and wife, Mandy, of Abilene; and Carrie Fritz of Abilene. They have one step-grandson, Matt Robertson of Abilene.

A celebration of their love and marriage will be held at the Cobb Park small recreation building on Forrest Street in Abilene from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 26. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

School Board To Meet Dec. 17

The Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains School District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 Thursday, December 17 in the high school faculty work room.

The following items are on the agenda:

- OPEN MEETING
1. PRAYER
2. OPEN FORUM
3. READ AND ACCEPT MINUTES
4. DISCUSS AND ACT ON BAND TRIP
5. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SCHOOL INSURANCE
6. DISCUSS AND APPROVE TASB LOCAL POLICY ON APPEAL OF AN EXPULSION ORDER
7. APPROVE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE FOR 1998/99 SCHOOL YEAR
8. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ABILENE REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF
9. DISCUSS AND ACT ON STOCK TRAILER
10. DISCUSS AND ACT ON DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

Santo Steals Game From Cross Plains Jr. High Girls

By CAVENDER'S CREW

The 8th grade team had a good, smart, and close game going on Monday night, December 7 in Santo. They played good defense and shot around 40 times with 22 points finding that orange hoop.

In the first quarter we scored two baskets and attempted 4 free shots from Hartman, Kitchens, and Dillard. The score at the end of the quarter was tied 4 to 4.

In the second quarter, we scored 2 baskets and made 3 out of 6 free shots from Hartman and Kitchens. The score was Cross Plains 11 - Santo 7, but Santo's #21 shot a 3 pointer on the buzzer -- "It was good." We ended up only one point ahead going into the half.

In the third quarter, we scored two baskets and made one out of two free shots from Hartman and Kitchens. We were in the lead by two points 16 -14.

In the fourth quarter, we scored 3 baskets by Hartman and Kitchens. This quarter our lead was "stolen" away from us. Santo's #21 stole the ball 4 or more times then she would take off for a lay-up. Santo scored 17 points in the quarter.

The final score was Cross Plains 22 - Santo 30. Santo's #21 scored 20 points.

Lead scorers for Cross Plains were Hartman 12 and Kitchens 10. Total team fouls 13 with Dillard fouling out in the fourth quarter.

This now brings the record to 2-4. Box Score:

CP 4-7-5-6
Santo 4-6-4-17

The 7th grade team lost 25 to 6. Team scorers were A. Rivard 2, H. Foster 2, J. James 2, and J. Young attempted 2 free shots. Total team fouls 11.

Box Score:
CP 0-2-2-2
Santo 7-6-2-10

Next Monday the games are here starting at 4:00. "Hoop It UP!"

Boys Basketball

Cross Plains 7th grade boys played Ranger Monday, December 14, and were defeated 42-26.

Scoring were Williams 10; Mack 8; Floyd 4; and Gardner 4.

The 8th grade boys team was defeated 46-19 by Ranger.

Scoring for the Buffs were Mauricio 8; Harris 4; Pancake 3; Phillips 2; and C. Sliger 2.

Cross Plains Junior Varsity played Roby and were defeated 45-25.

Scoring for the Buffs were Beauchamp 6; Hopkins 2; Hill 1; Peters 8; Norris 4; Mauricio 2; Butler 2.

Submitted by Coach Larry Bartee

11. DISCUSS AND ACT ON NEW SHELVING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

12. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

13. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES WITH CALLAHAN COUNTY CENTRAL AP-

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PRAISAL DIST.

14. DISCUSS AND ACT ON PERSONNEL (IF NECESSARY)

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF

NEEDED)

16. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS

17. ADJOURN.

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